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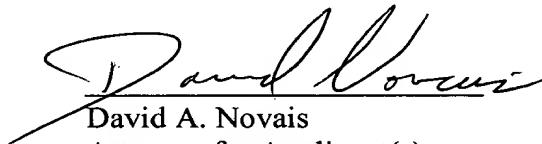
Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 14-17 have been canceled by the present amendment. Claims 14-17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al. '184 in view of Bunker et al. '958. Claims 1-13 were indicated as being allowable over the art of record. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 1-13.

With regard to the rejection of claims 14-17 based on Kimura et al. and Bunker et al., in order to expedite prosecution of this application the present amendment cancels claims 14-17 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims by way of a continuation application.

In view of the above, claims 1-13 which have been indicated by Examiner as being allowable remain pending in the present application, and therefore, the present application is believed to be condition for allowance. If any issues remain that require consideration, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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